



**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
Public Hearing March 9, 2015**

**Testimony on Raised Bill HB 6904**

**An Act Concerning Appointment of Registrars of Voters**

Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee

My name is Sue W. Larsen. I am Chairman of the ROVAC Legislative Committee and here to speak in opposition to HB 6904. Fair and balanced elections, primaries and referenda are too critical to this state to allow each municipality to decide whether they want one registrar or two. It must be consistent across the state. The two registrars of voters system in Connecticut continues to work for the voters.

Two registrars provide the insurance that no one political party controls the election in any municipality. They provide the municipalities with two sets of eyes over every facet of the election process from tabulator testing to poll worker training, and election supplies. It is a large undertaking that team work makes manageable.

The other issue with this bill is the whether the decision to appoint a registrar of voters can be made without partisanship or favoritism. Currently, all but two registrars of voters are nominated in caucuses and are subject to primaries. It should be in the hands of the voters.

We urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you for allowing this testimony.

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